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NEWSPAPERS IN LA PAZ CONTAIN ARTICLES CONCERNING INVESTIGATION ON JUDICIAL SYSTEM IN SANTA CRUZ.
THESE ARTICLES REPORT THAT TWO JUDGES, ROLANDO ROBLES AND JOSE APONTE BARROSO, HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED BY THE DISTRICT SUPERIOR COURT FOLLOWING CHARGES THAT THEY COMMITTED GRAVE IRREGULARITIES IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES. JUSTICE SUB-SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR BALLIVIAN HAS CONFIRMED THESE REPORTS. IT APPEARS THAT THE BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT IS BEGINNING TO RESPOND TO CHARGES OF JUDICIAL CORRUPTION IN SANTA CRUZ. COPIES OF NEWSPAPER ARTICLES ARE BEING SENT VIA POUCH TO DEPARTMENT. WE SEE THIS AS POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT.
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